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## New Literature

The most important books listed in these columns will receive notice in the book-review pages.

### OLD TESTAMENT

#### BOOKS

MITCHELL, H. G., SMITH, J. M. POWIS, BEWER, JULIUS A. A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, and Jonah. New York: Scribner, 1912. Pp. xxvi+515. \$3.00.

This volume is the last of the three volumes on the Minor Prophets which were to have been prepared by President Harper. Haggai and Zechariah are done by Mitchell, Malachi by Smith, and Jonah by Bewer. The standpoint of all three authors is that of historical criticism.

JOHNS, C. H. W. Ancient Assyria. [The Cambridge Manuals of Science and Literature.] New York: Putnam, 1912. Pp. 175. 40 cents.

This booklet is from the pen of a well-known scholar, who has often demonstrated his skill in reading Assyrian inscriptions. But the manual is too much concerned with chronological problems to be of much interest or value to the general student. It records the opinions of its author upon many of these difficult questions, but does not convey to the layman in Assyrian matters a very clear or comprehensive idea of the course of Assyrian history.

MACALISTER, R. A. S. A History of Civilization in Palestine. [The Cambridge Manuals of Science and Literature.] New York: Putnam, 1912. Pp. viii+139. 40 cents.

This is a sketch of the civilization of Palestine which reads very well. The scholar will find many of its propositions open to serious question, but it will meet the needs of the general public fairly well.

MCNEILE, A. H. Deuteronomy—Its Place in Revelation. New York: Longmans, Green & Co., 1912. Pp. viii+136.

This is really a popular introduction to the Book of Deuteronomy, in which the commonly accepted historical interpretation of the book as coming from the days of Josiah or Manasseh is expounded and defended against the claims made in behalf of Mosaic authorship. It is a well-written and thoroughly competent discussion.

EISELEN, F. C. The Christian View of the Old Testament. New York: Eaton & Mains. Pp. 267. \$1.00.

A very helpful presentation of the modern view of the Old Testament as the record of the developing religious experience of Israel.

SMYTHE, G. F. The God of Israel. [The Bedell Lectures for 1911, on the Evidences of Revealed Religion.] Gambier, Ohio: Bedell Lectureship Foundation, 1912. Pp. 114.

A very simple statement of the growth of the idea of God in Israel. But the writer fails to appreciate some very important facts essential to the correct reading of the record of Israel's religion.

#### ARTICLES

ALEXANDER, G. The English Bible and the Anglo-Saxon People, *The Methodist Review*, October, 1912. Pp. 720-47.

An excellent appreciation of the significance of the English Bible in the development of the Anglo-Saxon race.